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Prior to examination of the subject divisional application, please amend said application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 6-14 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1-5 to read as follows:

1. [AMENDED] An electronically addressable microchip device comprising a plurality of electronically programmable microlocations:

wherein the microlocations each comprise an underlying working microelectrode on a substrate,

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